(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A survey for conversion of MG line to BG between Bathinda and Fazilka and lifting of MG Track between Goniana and Kotkapura was completed in December, 1985. The details are:

Length.... 122.6 kms.

Cost .... Rs. 45.43 crores.

The project, being financially unremunerative, could not be considered. There is also no request for gauge conversion of this line on strategic considerations.

2238 [Transferred to the 17th March, 1989]

Re-Designation of Work Experience Teachers as SUPW Teachers

2239. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Work Experience Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalayas were redesignated as SUPW (some useful productive work) Teachers;

(b) if so, when and what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether essential and desirable qualifications for appointment to both the categories of teachers are identical; and

(d) if not, what are the qualifications etc., for both the categories, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) and (b) S.U.P.W. was introduced in Kendriya Vidyalayas from July, 1979 as per the scheme of studies of Central Board of Secondary Education. Consequently Work Experience Teachers were redesignated as Socially Useful and Productive Work (S.U.P.W.) teachers.

(c) and (d) Consequent on re-designation of Work Experience Teachers as SUPWs, no recruitment is being made to the level of Work Experience Teachers as there is no such grade|cadre in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. The recruitment is made to the grade of SUPWs as per the qualifications prescribed. The SUPWs have the same pay scale as was prescribed for WETs and the qualifications prescribed for both the posts were also comparable.

Anti India Bill in the U. S. Congress

2240. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an anti Indian legislation titled the 'Indian Human Rights Act, 1989' co-authered by conservative Republican Representative Wally Herger and Representative, Tony Coelho has bten referred to the House Committee of Foreign Affairs on February 21, 1989; if so, what are its provisions and how it would affect India, if passed; and

(b) whether Government have taken up the issue with the US Government; if so, what was the outcome and what are the reasons that two representatives could not be persuaded not to introduce the Bill which affects Indo-US political relations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (PROF. K. K. TEWARI): (a) legislation entitled "Indian Human Rights Bill, 1989" has been presented to the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the US House of Representatives. It calls for denial of the MFN treatment to India unless certain alleged human rights violations in Punjab